



National Park Service  
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## Superintendent's Compendium

Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

## Mojave National Preserve

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of Mojave National Preserve under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

### **I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

#### Visiting Hours:

- Any areas not posted as closed to public access are open to the public twenty-four hours a day
- Park Headquarters is open Monday through Friday 8am till 430pm
- Unless otherwise noted, the Kelso Depot Visitor's Center is open daily 9am till 5pm except Christmas day
- Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center is open intermittently throughout the year

#### Public Use Limits:

- A Special Use Permit is required for all organized events or for a group containing more than 15 people and/or more than 7 vehicles or 7 horses. Groups this size or larger that are registered in the Group Campsite, using only campground facilities, do not need a Special-Use Permit.

*The permit requirement is established in order to enable the National Park Service staff to monitor potential resource impacts of large group travel or camping. The permit serves as the means of acquiring information needed to complete an environmental review, and permits park staff to educate users about various conditions which help to protect the Park resources.*

- The discharging of weapons is prohibited in the Granite Mountains Natural Reserve, within one half mile of; the Hole-in-the-wall campground, the Mid Hills campground, Fort Piute, the Kelso Dunes, the Kelso Depot, or any government owned structure or facility.

*The restriction is necessary in order to protect park visitors that may be involved in other recreational activities within the Park.*

- Rock climbing is allowed inside the Preserve with the following restrictions:

- The use of power drills for climbing is prohibited.
  - Chipping of rock faces, the gluing of holds onto rock, or the intentional removal of vegetation are prohibited.
  - Technical climbing is prohibited within 500 feet of any prehistoric or historic rock art site, any other cultural resource, or the Hole-in-the-Wall Visitor Center.
  - Existing bolts and other fixed anchors that are deemed unsafe by climbers may be replaced on a piece-by-piece basis.
  - Leaving fixed ropes, webbing, etc. for extended periods for the purpose of ascending and descending (rappelling) rock walls is prohibited.

*These conditions are established in order to protect cultural and natural resources and outdoor recreational experiences from visual and physical impacts.*

- Camping length of stay restrictions

Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall Campgrounds

- Camping within the designated park campgrounds (Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall) is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days in the developed campgrounds.
- Site limits are a maximum of eight people per site with one camping unit (i.e. trailer, motor home, converted van, etc.) and one vehicle; OR eight people per site with two vehicles

Backcountry and Roadside Camping

- Backcountry or roadside camping is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days per visit/stay and 30 total days per year.

*Length-of-stay restrictions allow more of the public to utilize a limited number of available campsites. Additionally, in a fragile ecosystem, it allows areas that have been impacted by camping activities to recover.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Camping:

- Please refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

## II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

For permit information/application contact the Special Use Permit coordinator at park headquarters at 760-252-6107

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Special Use Permit required for all organized events or for a group containing more than 15 people and/or more than 7 vehicles or 7 horses
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net other than during a legal California hunting or fishing season
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, animals, rocks or minerals) except under the auspices of a research collection permit issued by the superintendent
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
  - Use of the group campground at Hole-In-The-Wall
- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):
  - Camping at Hole in the Wall and Midhills Campgrounds require a camping fee of \$12, The group campground fee is \$25.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events

- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements – (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles.
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - Any filming that involves the use of a set, prop or model; requires entry into a closed area; or requires access to the park after normal working hours. Bona fide newsreel or news television personnel do not need a permit.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site
- Part 8 Labor Standards – Employees of Concessioners to the NPS
- Part 9 Minerals Management – Prior to the issuance of a permit for access to any claim or claims, the operator must file with the Superintendent a plan of operations pursuant to 36 CFR §9.9. No permit shall be issued until the plan of operations has been approved in accordance with 36 CFR §9.10 (36 CFR §9.3). No mining commercial vehicle shall use roads administered by the National Park Service without first being registered with the Superintendent. A fee shall be charged for such registration based upon a posted fee schedule, computed on a ton-mile basis (36 CFR §9.15).
- Part 10 Disposal of Certain Wild Animals
- Part 11 Use of Arrowhead and Parkscape Symbols
- Part 14 Rights-Of-Way
- Part 17 Conveyance of Freehold and Leasehold Interests on NPS Lands
- Part 18 Leases and Exchanges of Historic Property
- Part 51 Concession Contracts
- Part 71 Recreation Fees

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:**

- Using or possessing any wood or kindling of any kind gathered from within the park is prohibited.

**(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:**

- Technical climbing within 500 feet of any known archeological site is prohibited.

**(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:**

- No resources are designated by the superintendent for personal use or consumption.

#### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- In accordance with applicable state and federal laws for the taking of wildlife.

**(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:**

- All areas of the preserve are closed except when utilized while hunting under the following conditions: (Title 14 CA Code of Regulation §264 – Use of Lights While Hunting).

(a) Only 9 volt lights or smaller, hand-held or worn on the head are permitted

(b) Persons using such lights must be on foot

(c) Lights may not be used in or from a vehicle and may not be attached or powered from any source other than self-contained batteries.

#### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

(a) State fishing licensing regulations conflict with Federal regulations under this section. The collection of amphibians and reptiles with a California state fishing license is prohibited.

#### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**In accordance with §2.4(a) (1-2) weapons, traps, or nets may be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations where the taking of wildlife is authorized by law in accordance with §2.2., or the taking of fish is authorized by law in accordance with §2.3:**

or, as designated pursuant to special regulations, for target practice during the following times and at the following facilities or locations:

- Target shooting or “plinking” is prohibited within the park.
- Legal hunting weapons as defined per California Fish and Game regulations may be carried in the park during state designated hunting seasons and with possession of a valid hunting license

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:**

- Developed campsites within Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall Campgrounds
- Roadside camping will be allowed in previously used (or disturbed) sites outside of the “day-use-only” areas. Sites with existing rock fire rings should be considered disturbed sites. New fire rings may not be established.
- At an location in the backcountry with the following conditions:
  - Campsites must be more than 200 yards from any natural or constructed water source.
  - Camping is prohibited within ¼ mile of paved roads, unless formally designated as a camping area.
  - In the area known as “Kelso Dunes”, camping is prohibited along the Kelso Dunes access road, the parking lot, and the area north of the road to the crest of the dunes (or a distance of one mile), and the area ¼ mile south of the access road. Camping is permitted at the disturbed site at the end of the road and all points to the west of that point.
  - Camping is prohibited within ¼ mile of the Zyzxx Road, including the visitor contact parking lot.
  - Camping is prohibited within ½ mile of Fort Piute.
  - Camping is prohibited within ½ mile of the Kelso Depot

**(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:**

- All food and food containers must be stored in a manner that will prevent access to any wildlife.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

All areas of the park are open to picnicking.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

Designated Areas: Developed campgrounds and existing backcountry campsites with fire rings.

Receptacles Allowed: Fire pans are also approved for fires.

Construction of new fire rings is prohibited

**Established Conditions for Fires:**

**(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:**

- There are no restrictions at this time.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- All fires must be fully extinguished (cool to the touch) when leaving a campsite.
- Fires must be attended at all times.

**(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:**

- When designated and posted by order of the Park Superintendent.

**36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

**(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property may be allowed under the following conditions:**

- Is prohibited throughout the park.

**(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established for the following:**

- Dispose solid human waste in individual catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep and 6 to 8 inches in diameter and at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out all toilet paper and hygiene products.

**36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object under the following conditions:**

- Leaving a pet tied or unattended within the park is prohibited.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed in accordance with the following conditions:**

- All pet excrement must be collected and disposed of in garbage receptacles.

**(b) Where hunting is allowed, the following conditions apply for use of dogs for support of such activity in accordance with Federal and State laws:**

- All dogs used in support of hunting activities (bird dogs and retrievers only) must carry identification tags or be tattooed. The identification shall include the owner's social security number, name and current address, or current telephone number.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Pets may be retained by park employees residing within the park residential areas in accordance with the Park Quarters or Park Pet policies. Pets must be restrained at all times and owners are subject to all applicable regulations.

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:**

- Horses, llamas, and mules.

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- All trails, backcountry roads and open country (including wilderness areas) within the park.

**(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is permitted on the following trails/routes, subject to the conditions noted:**

- Free-trailing or loose-herding is prohibited throughout the park.

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

- All feed must be brought into the park; ranging/grazing is prohibited.
- Horse camps shall be at least 200 yards from a water source.
- All manure shall be raked out and spread over a large area.
- Up to 7 animals are allowed per group otherwise a special use permit is required.

### **36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

**(a)(1) The following areas have been designated pursuant to special regulations for operating or using aircraft:**

- There are no designated airstrips on parklands.
- Private aircraft must be in accordance with all FAA regulations, including a recommended minimum altitude of 2,000 feet.

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:**

- The removal of all downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof requires the approval of the park superintendent through a special use permit. All terms and conditions of the special use permit must be adhered to.

### **36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

**(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on the following routes, designated pursuant to special regulations:**

- No routes are designated for the use of snowmobiles.



### **36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:**

- Skiing, snowshoeing, sledding and tobogganing and similar non-motorized winter sports are permitted on secondary park roads.

**(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas:**

- The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle is prohibited throughout the park.

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

**The use of rollerskates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:**

- The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are prohibited throughout the park.
- The use of roller blades, roller skates, skateboards and other coasting vehicles by Park residents or their guests will be permitted in residential areas.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:**

- All public buildings and within a 20 foot distance of the exterior of any public structures.
- Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of aircraft or automotive refueling pumps.
- Smoking is allowed in employee residences with consent of the occupants.

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:**

- The superintendent has not designated any areas within the park where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours.

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

#### **Entrance Fee Areas:**

- No entrance fees are collected at this time.

#### **Daily Site Use Fee Areas:**

- There are no specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services furnished at Federal Expense that requires a fee at this time.

#### **36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

- The interior of any government structure which is open to the general public.
- The interior of any caves within the preserve.

#### **36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE**

**(a) Absent a permit, the running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock of any kind in a park area for agricultural purposes is prohibited. Additionally, a permit can only be issued in the following circumstances:**

**(a)(1) As specifically authorized by Federal statutory law; or**

**(a)(2) As required under a reservation of use of rights arising from acquisition of a tract of land; or**

**(a)(3) As designated, when conducted as a necessary and integral part of a recreational activity or required in order to maintain a historic scene.**

#### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LAND**

Absent a permit, lease or contract, residing in park areas on other than private land, is prohibited.

#### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(a) Authorization from the Director of the National Park Service is required to install a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area.**

**(b) A permit from the park Superintendent is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.**

#### **36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

**(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- All park waters are closed to swimming and bathing including tanks and other artificial impoundments.

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

**(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated in the following publications:**

- A current, Park issued AAA map
- A current, Trails Illustrated Map
- A Mojave NP Uni-grid map

**(b) The following routes and/or areas, designated pursuant to special regulations, are open for off-road vehicle travel under the terms and conditions noted:**

- No routes or areas are designated for off-road vehicle travel within the park.

**(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:**

- No routes are designated for track-laying motor vehicles within the park.

### **36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS**

**(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

- The park contains no load, weight, or size limits that are more restrictive than State or County laws.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for routes/roads indicated:**

- The posted speed limit in the Kelso area is 25 MPH.
- The posted speed limit for Hole in the Wall and Midhills Campgrounds is 15 MPH.
- The posted speed limit for Wildhorse Canyon Road, Zzyzx Road and Kelso Dunes Road is 25 MPH.
- Where posted on paved roadways, speed limits are 55 MPH.

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:**

- No additional routes are designated for bicycle use within the park.

### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

**Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:**

- No areas are designated for hitchhiking.